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→ ASSOCIATION, ►

HELD WITH

₹ LIBERTY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, BLOUNT CO., ALA., №

OGTOBER, 17, 18 and 19, 1890.

OFFICERS

ELD. ALLEN DORMAN,..... Moderator,.... McClarty, Ala. DR. P. G. ALDREDGE, Secretary, Brooksville, Ala. REV. J. N. SMITH, Treasurer,Liberty Ala.



The next Session will be held with Brooksville Baptist Church on Friday before the 3d. Sunday in October 1891.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Read Letters.
- 2. Elect Officers.
- 3. Call for Correspondence.
- 4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
- 5. Appoint Committees -
 - (1) On Devotion.
 - (2) On Deceased Ministers.
 - (3) On Sabbath Schools.
 - (4) On Nominations.
 - (5) On Missions.
 - (6) On Temperance.
 - (7) On Education.
 - (8) On Ministerial Education.
 - (9) On Finance.
- 6. Appoint Correspondence to sister Associations.
- 7. Appoint Messengers to State and Southern Baptsit Conventions.
- 8. Call for Report on Executive Committee.
- 9. Call for Report of Missionary.
- 10. Call for Report of Committees.
- 11. Call for Report of Treasurer.
- 12. Provide for Printing Minutes.
- 13. Elect Executive Committee.
- 14. Miscellaneous Business.
- 15. Adjourn.

→ MINUTES.

The Warrior River Baptist Association convened with Liberty

Hill Baptist Church, October 17, 1890.

On account of the feeble health of Eld. Brown, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. P. M. Musgrove, of Cullman. Text, John 3:7. Theme—REGENERATION.

EVENING SESSION.

After refreshments the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. A. Dorman; and Rev. Robert Jones was elected Clerk, protem.

Letters were then read by Drs. W. M. Cole, P. G. Aldredge and Rev. W. L. Culbertson; and the following churches, together with their messengers, were enrolled:

Antioch-Rev. J. N. Smith, J. W. Pate, J. D. Hendricks and F. P. Smith; Austins Creek—E. K. Head, A. L. Pass and J. Fail;

Bethel-Eld. Jesse Brown and James Holms;

Big Warrior—J. R. Marsh; Blountsville—Rev.Robert Jones, J. C. Hyatt, I. T. Stevens and Eld. W.

Brosksville—John Jones, Dr. P. G. Aldredge and M. C. Morris; Friendship—C. S. Plunket, G. R. Williamson, and M. Qualls; Harmony—W. L. Ellison, J. C. Harris, A. F. Whitley and Bent Stevens; Liberty—S. M. Lowery, O. A. Steele, J. Cornelius, James Carnes and Eld. G. B. Carnes;

Eld. G. B. Carnes;

Liberty Hill—Eld. W. J.Chambers, S. A. Chambers, J. R. Campbell and W. H. Taylor;

Macedonia—Y. B. Rhodes and S. M. Nixon;

Mt. Carmel—W. R. Jordan, J. P. Ballew and Eld. R. W. Buckner;

Mt. Pisgah—W. A. Alexander, J. Nix and J. B. Alexander;

Mt. Tabor—James Putman, Josh. Ratliff and P. H. Ratliff;

Mulberry—Eld. J. H. Dunlap, W. H. Abshur and J. N. Starnes;

New Prospect—J. H. Wilson, J. Johnston and W. D. Debter;

Pine Grove—J. W. Roberts, J. M. Pass and J. W. Crumbly;

Sardis—Eld. D. P. Carr;

Warrior Creek—

Warrior Creek—.....Letter.

The election of permanent officers was then ordered, which resulted in the choice of Eld. A. Dorman, Moderator; and Dr. P. G. Aldredge, Clerk.

Enrolled correspondents, as follows:

From Cullman Association............Dr. P. M. Musgrove; From Marshall Association........... Eld. O. P. McDonald;

Rev. W. L. Culbertson.

Called for visitors and received:

Holly Pond, on a letter of dismission from Cullman Baptist

Association;

Dry Creek, Mt. Pleasant and Pine Bluff, -all of which had been dropped from the roll- presented satisfactory proofs of repentance for having violated the rules of the Asaociation, snd were gladly restored.

The Moderator in behalf of the body then extended the right-

hand of fellowship to the messengers of the several churches viz:

Holly Pond—H. E. Wats, W. T. Taylor and Jeff. Hazlewood;

Dry Creek -H. H. Heaton and H. H. Marsh;

Mt. Pleasant-J. C. McConnel, H. H. Turley and W. D. Redman.

Appointed Committees, as follows:

On Devotion—W. L. Ellison, J. D. Hendricks, Josh. Ratliff and John Bryant;

On Temperance—Rev. J. H. Dunlap, Eld. W. J. Chambers

and Wm. Alexander;

On Deceased Ministers—J. N. Holms, E. K. Head and P.H. Ratliff:

On Finance—Bent Stevens, Frank Smith and Wm. Sanders: On Sunday Schools—O. A. Steele, P. M. Adams and I. T.

On Nominations—A. F. Whitley, James Carnes and P. G.

Aldredge;

On Education—F. P. Smith, J. W. Pate and W. D. Debter; On Missions-Eld. G. B. Carnes, Rev. Robert Jones and J. Cornelius:

On Ministerial Education—Rev. Robert Jones, Wm. Abshur

and J. M. Pass.

Adjourned until to morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18.

Prayer by Eld. O. P. McDonald.

The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Appointed correspondents, as follows:

Cullman—(Meets Saturday before second Sunday in October.) Eld. G. B. Carnes, A. F. Whitley and P. H. Ratliff;

Supday in October) Rev. I. W. Brown, I. D. Hendricks, H. H. Heaton,

Sunday in October.) Rev. J. W. Brown, J. D. Hendricks, H. H. Heaton, Y. B. Rhodes, Elders Jesse Brown and D. P. Carr.

Appointed J. D. Hendricks, to visit State Convention at Mobile, next November.

Appointed Eld. G. B. Carnes and O. A. Steele, as representatives

in Southern Baptist Convention, at its meeting in Birmingham next May.

Adjourned 30 minutes, in order to give time to the various committees to prepare reports.

Resumed business and called for Report on Deceased Minis-

s. Report read and adopted, as follows:

We your Committee beg leave to report; That from the reading of the various letters from the churches, we have not learned of the death of any of our ministers, since our last meeting.

For which let us thank God, for his mercy in preserving the lives of all our ministers during another year.

Respectfully submitted,

l our ministers during another year. Respectfully submitted, E. K. Head, Chairman.

Report on Sunday Schools made special order for 10 o'clock Sunday a. m.

Report on Missions read and re-committed, with instructions to widen its scope.

Suspended regular order and invited correspondents and visitors to seats with the body. Enrolled the following:

From Cullman-R. C. Ledbetter and C. H. Rice;

From Etowah—Elders W. Y. Adams and J. D. Pettit, and Rev. S. J. Cox.

Report on Education read and adopted, as follows:

It is with the highest degree of pleasure that your committee reports; that the interest and progress of education is increasing in our bounds.

There is therefore a great demand for better teachers. False teachers are swarming over our land teaching other than the truth as it is in Christ, and we must meet them with a better cultivated intellect.

We would especially recommend Walnut Grove College together with

We would especially recommend Walnut Grove College together with Howard College and Judson Female Institute, as the places to educate our boys and girls.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank P. Smith, Chairman.

Report on Finance read and re-committed for correction.

Report on Temperance read and postponed until afternoon.

Report on Ministerial Education read and pending the discussion, adjourned until 1:30 o'clock p. m., for refreshments.

EVENING SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. W. L. Culbertson.

Resumed discussion of Report on Ministerial Education.

Amended and adopted, as follows:

We your committee have found, by reference to the messages from the various churches, that nothing has been contributed to this grand work. We are sorry to notice that the plan adopted by the Association at its last session has not been carried out by the churches.

Had this been done, this Association would have raised \$114.60 for this

ioble purpose.

That we have the talent in our ministry that needs only the advantages of a liberal education to develope it into a great power, in the Masters Kingdom is obvious to all.

We believe our principles are right, and why not try to disseminate them? We recommend that this Association do something in this direction

May God in his infinite mercy enable us to see the importance of this noble work. We would therefore urge our brotherhood to labor in any honerable way, for the promotion of a healthy sentiment, upon this subject among the masses. Respectfully submitted, Robert Jones, Chairman.

Amendment. We would further recommend, that this Association raise, for Ministerial Education, the amount of \$150.00, by the 1st of Feb., 1891, and place in the Treasury, subject to the order of the Ex. Com., and that Brethren H. G. B. Bynum and Henry Head be made the beneficiaries of the above fund.

Pending the discussion, a collection was taken up by Dr. Cole

which amounted to \$20.75 in cash and \$5.75 in pledges.

Report on Temperance re-read and according to appointment the discussion was opened by an eloquent speech from Dr. Cole. After which the report was amended and adopted, as follows:

Temperance, strictly speaking, means total abstinence from all hurtful

things, and a moderate use of all needful things.

We urge that each church in this Association, enforce a stricter dicipline, in regard to strong drink, as a beverage. We are glad to note the fact, that there are greater efforts being made to crush and drive out this Respectfully submitted, J. H. Dunlap, Chairman. monster evil from the land.

Amendment. Resolved; That every member of this body be appointed a committee of one to solicit subscribers to a petition to our next General Assembly to incorporate a radius of four miles around each member's church by a statutory prohibition. With instructions to report results at next meeting of this body.

Adjourned until 7 o'clock p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

Prayer by Eld. G. B. Carnes.

Report on Nominations read and adopted, as follows:

We your committee beg leave to state, that we have carefully considered the subjects submitted to us and have agreed to make the following recommendations, viz., Eld. E. M. Bowerman to preach the next Introductory sermon and Eld. G. B. Carnes, alternate. Eld. W. M. Cole to preach the next Missionary sermon and Eld. Jesse Brown, alternate.

We also recommend Brooksville as the place for holding the next meeting of this Association on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1891.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Whitley, Chairman.

Report on Missions re-read and amended by resolution, as follows:

We your committee beg leave to report, that there has been very little work done in the 1st district.

The 2nd district has had the efficient services of Eld. James A. May for sixty-two days.

We find that the work is greatly needed and much neglected, especial-

ly in 1st district.

The flood-tide of imigration to various portions of our Association is growing stronger daily. Much of this new population is concentrating into neighborhoods not able to supply them with the Gospel.

If we do not go to the help of such, we must make up our minds to see these people grow up in ignorance of our principles, and in years to come, large tracts of our country with populous cities will tell of our neglect of

grand opportunities.

The Baptists of this Association must be true to their obligations. We cannot refuse to enter the fields which the Providence of God is opening to us. We are sorry to notice the meagerness of contributions to Home and State Missions, and urge the Brethren to look after these interests, and use all just means of awakening a healthy sentiment on the subject.

We notice too, that but little attention, AND LESS MONEY is given for

Foreign Missions.

May the Lord give us the Spirit of Christ. A MISSIONARY SPIRIT. Respectfully submitted,

G. B. Carnes, Chairman.

\$164.20

Resolved: That we appoint one member from each church in our bounds, to solicit contributions of at least 20 cents per capita, from their churches with instructions to report to the Treasurer quarterly, for the purpose of supplying colportage fund and paying the expenses of supporting a missionary in our bounds, the whole year.

Report and Resolution adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We your committee beg leave to report: that during this see

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For Minutes				\$27.45
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То " ",	Bethel Church.			3.00
To " "	Finance Comm	ittee		53.05
То " "	Association for	Ministerial	Education	20.75
To pledges by	"	"	"	\$5.75

Total cash.....

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By amount paid E. M. Bowerman Mis'n'ry 1st Dist\$16.95				
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By " P. G. Aldredge for Minutes27.45				
Total disbursed				
Ralance on hand in each				
Balance on hand in cash\$39.05				
Pledges\$5.75				
Respectfully submitted,				
J. N. Smith, Treasurer.				
Received and adopted the following report from the Ex. Com.				
We your Executive Committee have the honor to report: That we				
met in March last and organized, by the election of A. F. Whitley, Chair-				
man, and P. G. Aldredge. Secretary. We found the resolution passed by				
the Association last meeting establishing a method of raising money for missionary purposes left entirely out of the minutes. Consequently we				
were at a great loss as to how we should proceed. We decided however to				
call on the churches personally, for money to carry on the work, which we				
did, and succeeded in raising a small amount of money which was entirely				
inadequate to meet the demands of the occasion. We did the best we				
could considering the difficulties of a depleted treasury, and the uncertain-				
ties of raising money, with no method of doing it.				
We employed Elder James May to work in the second district at one dollar per diem, and Eld. E. Bowerman, in the first district at the same				
price, in defference to what we understood was the wishes of the brethren.				
We regret that our limited means prevented us from keeping a mission-				
ary in the field longer, from the fact that he has only about time enough to				
get acquainted with the work when the money is exhausted and he has to				
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Visits to the sick	
Days labored	

I find the field in one district very extensive. Some communities are without the Church of Christ.

We should be more zealous in preaching the truth as it is in Christ, especially in neighborhoods occupied by organizations de-

nominating themselves churches.

I find a sad scarcity of Baptist literature where I have been, in the matter of tracts, papers and books. If we would be assured of success, we must look to the young who, as they are being educated ,are thirsting for sound literature.

J. A.May, Missionary. Respectfully submitted,

On motion the Clerk was allowed to retain \$10.00, for his services and was ordered to expend the balance in the printing and distribution of minutes among the churches, prorating them according to their several contributions.

Elected, A. F. Whitley, I. T. Stevens, W. L. Ellison, J. D. Hen-

dricks, Joshua Ratliff and J. N. Smith; Executive Committee. Elected, J. N. Smith; Treasurer.

Motion to amend constitution so as to make the first sentence in sec. 6, read: "This Association shall elect, annually, from the body, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer," carried unanimously.

A resolution of thanks was tendered to Liberty Hill Church and neighborhood, for kindness and hospitality, during our stay

with them.

The minutes were read and approved and the body adjourned until Sunday, o o'clock a. m.

SUNDAY, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. I. A. May. The body called to order and Report on Sunday Schools was read, pending the discussion, suspended the regular order and took up a collection for Eld. J. Y. Bayne, which amounted \$18.30.

The Report was adopted.

On motion Eld. Jesse Brown and Drs. W. M. Cole and P G. Aldredge were appointed a special committee to select a suitable Hymn Book together with a series of Sunday School literature for use in all our churches.

The Association then repaired to the stand for preaching of the missionary sermon by Eld. W. J. Chambers, after which a collection was taken up for Foreign Missions which amounted to \$5.75.

The Association then adjourned to meet again at Brooksville Baptist Church, on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October 1891.

ALLEN DORMAN, MODERATOR.

P. G. ALDREDGE, CLERK.

Union Meetings were appointed as follows: for the 1st Dist., Mulberry Baptist Church on Friday before 1st Sunday, Aug. 1891.

For the 2nd Dist., Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church on Friday before

the 5th Sunday in Aug. 1891.

Report of Special committee on selection of Hymn Book and

Sunday School Literature:

We your committee, have selected for use in our churches, "Gospel Hymns, Consolidated" Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4. This series is well adapted to both Church and Sunday School Music.

We recommend for our Sunday Schools, the literature published by

our Home Mission Board, "Kind Words" Series.

It is highly important that the churches of this Association use a uniformity of publications.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Brown,
W. M. Cole,
P. G. Aldredge,

CONSTITUTION OF THE WARRIOR RIVER ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in the union, and also of all ordained ministers who are in good standing in their own churches; provided such churches are members of this Association, and shall be known as the Warrior River Baptist Association.

2. Each church shall send a letter to the Association by its messengers, giving the number baptized, received and dismissed by letter, excluded, restored or died during the Associational year, total membership in fellowship, time of monthly meeting, together with the contributions for Minutes

and other purposes.

3. This Association shall be considered merely an advisory council, claiming no authority over the rights and priveleges of the individual churches, nor constituting itself an ecclesiastical court to sit in judgment on church difficulties. It is agreed, however, that this Association may appoint a committee of the body for the purpose of reconciling church differences, provided such interference is asked by such confused church, or part of a church. And it is further agreed that this Association shall have the right to withdraw fellowship from any church that departs from the faith and order of the Gospel.

4. Each church shall be entitled to send three messengers to this Association, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five after the first fifty members; and should any church fail to represent herself, she shall state

the reason for such failure in her next letter to the Association.

5. Any Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association by sending a petitionary letter and messengers. If upon investigation she is found orthodox and orderly, the Moderator shall extend her messengers the right

hand of fellowship.

6. This Association shall elect, annually, from the body a Moderator, Clerk and Treaurer. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations, preserve order, and see that the rules of decorum are faithfully carried out by the members, decide all questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the body, and give the casting vote when the Association is equally divided. The Clerk shall faithfully record all the proceedings of the body, and superintend the publication and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

7. This Association may adopt a plan for raising funds by voluntary contributions to defray the expenses of the Association, for supplying destitute

churches and settlements in her bounds with the preaching of the gospel, and for any other purpose which she may deem proper, leaving every church member free to contribute as he shall purpose in his heart. All funds raised thus shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable for the same to the Association, and shall disburse it as the Association may direct.

8. This Association adopts the declaration of faith as published in Pendleton's Church Manual, and Mell's Parlementary Practice Manual as its

exponent of parlementary law.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote, except in case of an alteration of, or amendment to, this Constitution.

10. This Association shall elect, annually, one of her ministers to preach the Introductory Sermon, and one to preach on the subject of Missions: 11. The Minutes shall be read and approved by the body, and signed by

the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

12. This Constitution may be altered or amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided the alteration or amendment has been proposed at the previous meeting of the Association.

R. M. Holmes, W. B. Saunders, } Committee on Revision of Constitution, Etc. P. G. Aldredge,

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF WARRIOR RIVER ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Church Building, (not at home.)	Foreign Missious.	State Missions.	Minutes.	S. S. Expenses.	Pastor's Salary.	Value of Buildings and Furniture,
								800,00
Austins Creek				• • • • • • •	1.25			
Big Warrior					.50			
Blountsville					1.25			500.00
Brooksville					2.75		*8	
Dry Creek					. 50			
Friendship					1,10			500.00
Harmony				10.00	1,60			600.00
Holly Pond	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				1.00			300.00
Liberty Hill	2.50	2.50		15.00			75.00	300.00
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